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MEMORANDUM

TO: Directors, Exceptional Student Education

FROM: Bambi J. Lockman

DATE: January 19, 2009

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO INTERVENTION FOR GIFTED LEARNERS

We are pleased to note the positive progress with Response to Intervention (RtI) and the response to the first round of regional meetings. RtI has evolved into a collaboration to ensure appropriate services for all students. To continue this focus, we are looking at how RtI will help accomplish positive outcomes for gifted learners. We encourage you to include your district gifted coordinator in developing the plan for your district to support highly able learners with challenging opportunities. We look forward to working with you as subsequent activities are directed toward meeting the goals of the highest student achievement and quality efficient services.

For further information about RtI, contact Heather Diamond, Program Specialist, or for further information about gifted, contact Donnajo Smith, Program Specialist, by phone at (850) 245-0478 or by electronic mail at Heather.Diamond@fldoe.org or Donnajo.Smith@fldoe.org.

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